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SUBJECT: REFUGEES EX-USSR - UNITED STATES REFUGEE PROGRAM

REF: GENEVA 5104

1. ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR REFUGEES EX-USSR NOT PRESENTLY AVAILABLE. ALL FY 1974 FUNDS WERE COMMITTED AS OF JUNE 30 AND IN ANY EVENT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN AVAILABLE FOR OBLIGATION AFTER JUNE 30. IF THIS PROBLEM HAD BEEN RECOGNIZED BEFORE JUNE 30 A PORTION OF PLEDGE TO ICEM FOR TRAVEL LOANS FOR SOVIET REFUGEES COULD HAVE BEEN REPROGRAMMED FOR CARE AND MAINTENANCE.

2. THE DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET FOR FY 1975 DID NOT PROVIDE FOR SOVIET REFUGEES. ON INITIATIVE OF CONGRESS 50 MILLION DOLS. AUTHORIZED FOR SOVIET REFUGEES BY SENATE AND 40 MILLION DOLS. RECOMMENDED BY HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE. HAVE NO IDEA WHEN APPROPRIATION WILL BE ENACTED. SOVIET REFUGEE FUNDING NOT INCLUDED UNDER FY 1975 CONTINUING RESOLUTION.

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3. AGREE WITH MISSION'S SUGGESTION THAT VOLAGS LIMIT EXPENDITURES TO MOST VITAL NEEDS. ALSO ALL ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROGRAM OVERHEAD REIMBURSEMENTS SHOULD BE HELD TO MINIMUM.

4. REQUEST MONTHLY REVIEW OF COSTS AND UPDATE OF SHORT-FALL ALONG WITH CURRENT INFORMATION ON NUMBERS OF REFUGEES.

5. WITH REFERENCE TO PARAGRAPH 3 OF GENEVA 5104, DEPARTMENT'S INTENTION IS THAT THE VOLAGS WILL BE REIMBURSED FOR MAXIMUM OF 3,000 REFUGEES AT 300 DOLS. EACH FOR RESETTLEMENT IN U.S. NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR RESETTLEMENT IN CY 1974. MISSION SHOULD PROGRAM REIMBURSEMENTS TO PROVIDE FAIR SHARE FOR LESS AFFLUENT AGENCIES. KISSINGER

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